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LETTER DATED 25 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement on the parliamentary elections in the Islamic Republic of Iran issued on 23 February 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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to the United Nations

Annex

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Statement on the parliamentary elections in the Islamic Republic of Iran issued on 23 February 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union congratulates the people of the Islamic Republic of Iran on their commitment to the democratic process, as shown by their massive turnout at the first round of the parliamentary elections on 18 February. The European Union believes that the new Majles will be an important factor for the establishment of a civil society based on the rule of law in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The European Union recalls its long-standing interest in consolidating and expanding the comprehensive dialogue it leads with the Islamic Republic of Iran and reiterates its willingness to promote the establishment of closer ties with the Iranian Government on this basis.